

TIPP CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

TIPP CITY, MIAMI COUNTY, OHIO

MARCH 5, 2010

Retreat

Council members in attendance included Mayor Dee Gillis, John E. Kessler, Katie Black, Joe Gibson, George Lovett, Bryan Budding, and President Patrick Hale. Staff members attending included City Manager Jon Crusey, Assistant City Manager Brad Vath, City Engineer Scott Vagedes, Finance Director Richard Drennen, Utilities Director Mo Eichman, Fire Chief Steve Kessler, Police Chief Tom Davidson, and Clerk of Council Cathy Ross. Reporter Nancy Bowman was also in attendance.

City Manager Jon Crusey introduced Donna Childs, facilitator, who welcomed Council and Staff and provided information about the days' meeting.

City Manager Crusey then reviewed with Council the attached Powerpoint presentation regarding the City's current situation and an update on the budget.

Ms. Childs provided the results of the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) survey. The top twelve priorities were: increase economic development, capital improvements, inadequate funding, inability to work with new businesses, failure to communicate needs, lack of trust, Cap and Trade, budget priorities, quality of life, low tax rates, people's interest in the City, raise the tax rate without anyone paying more.

City Council established the following three goals:

- 1) Maintain and enhance quality of life, the small town feel, and services through increased economic development.
- 2) Maintain and improve the city's capital needs through the acquisition and responsible use of resources.
- 3) Foster two way communications between the city and community.

Council will, at a later date, establish the timelines and assign responsibility for each of these goals.

Adjournment

The retreat ended at 4:00 p.m.

Patrick Hale, President

Attest: _____
Cathy A. Ross, Clerk of Council



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